**B. Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently amended): Method for the catalytic reduction of an amide for the preparation of an amine at a temperature of below 200°C and a pressure of below 50 bar, the catalyst being chosen from bimetallic and trimetallic catalysts of the group consisting of ABC, AB, AC and BC, wherein:

A is a metal~~, chosen~~ selected from the group[[,]] consisting of Co, Fe, Ir, Pt, Rh and Ru,

B is a metal~~, chosen~~ selected from the group[[,]] consisting of Cr, Mo, Re and V, and,

C is a metal~~, chosen~~ selected from the group[[,]] consisting of Cu, In and Zn.

Claim 2. (Original): Method according to claim 1, wherein the catalyst is a heterogeneous catalyst on a support.

Claim 3. (Currently amended): Method according to claim 2, wherein the support is ~~chosen~~ selected from the group consisting of carbon, silica, titania, silica-alumina or [[a]] combinations thereof.

Claim 4. (Currently amended): Method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the pressure is 30 bar or less, preferably 15 bar or less.

Claim 5. (Original): Method according to claim 4, wherein the pressure is between 1-17 bar, preferably between 5-10 bar, most preferably between 6-10 bar.

Claim 6. (Currently amended): Method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the reduction is performed in continuous flow mode, preferably in a gaseous phase.

Claim 7. (Currently amended): Method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the temperature is 160° or less.

Claim 8. (Original): Method according to claim 7, wherein the temperature is 130°C or less.

Claim 9. (Original): Method according to claim 8, wherein the temperature is between 70°C-100°C, preferably around 80°C.

Claim 10. (Currently amended): Method according to ~~any of the claims 1-5~~ claim 1, wherein the reduction is performed in batch mode, preferably in liquid phase.

Claim 11. (Original): Method according to claim 10, wherein the amide is dissolved in a Bronsted-acid.

Claim 12. (Currently amended): Method according to claim 11, wherein the Bronsted-acid is an organic acid.

Claim 13. (Original): Method according to claim 12, wherein the organic acid is a carboxylic acid.

Claim 14. (Original): Method according to claim 13, wherein the carboxylic acid comprises acetic acid.

Claim 15. (Currently amended): Method according to ~~any of the claims 11-14~~ claim 11, wherein the Bronsted-acid ~~having~~ has a pKa value of 5 or less, preferably between 3 and 5.

Claim 16. (Currently amended): Method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 11, wherein the concentration of the Bronsted-acid being 1.0 M or less, preferably between 0.2 and 0.8 M, more preferably between 0.4 and 0.5 M.

Claim 17. (Currently amended): Method according to ~~any of the claims 10-16~~ claim 10, wherein the liquid phase comprising an additive comprising a Lewis acid.

Claim 18. (Original): Method according to claim 17, wherein the Lewis acid comprises a Boron compound.

Claim 19. (Currently amended): Method according to claim 17 ~~or 18~~, wherein the ratio amide:additive is 4 or less, preferably 2 or less, most preferably between 0.9 and 1.1.

Claim 20. (Currently amended): Method according to ~~any of the claims 10-19~~ claim 10, wherein the temperature is between 90-140°C, preferably 100-130°C.

Claim 21. (Currently amended): Method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the catalyst is ~~chosen~~ selected from the group[[,]] consisting of[[:]] $CoCu_1$ $FeIn_1$ $FeRe_1$ $IrMo_1$ $IrRe_1$ $IrV_1$ $MoIn_1$ $PtMo_1$ $PtRe_1$ $PtrV_1$ $ReIn_1$ $RhCu_1$ $RhIn_1$ $RhM_1$ $RhRe_1$ $RhV_1$ $RuRe_1$ $CoMoZn_1$ $CoReCu_1$ $CoReIn_1$ $CoVIn_1$ $FeCrIn_1$ $FeReCu_1$ $FeReIn_1$ FeReZn, $IrMoCu_1$ $IrReCu_1$ $IrReZn_1$ $IrVZn_1$ $PtMoCu_1$ $PtMoIn_1$ $PtMoZn_1$ $PtReCu_1$ $PtReIn_1$ $PtReZn_1$ $PtVIn_1$ $PtVZn_1$ $RhMoCu_1$ $RhMoIn_1$ $RhMoZn_1$ $RhReCu_1$ $RhReIn_1$ $RhReZn_1$ $RhMoZn_1$ $RhVIn_1$ $RuReCu_1$ RuReZn and combinations thereof.

Claim 22. (Currently amended): Method according to claim 21, wherein the catalyst is ~~chosen~~ selected from the group[[,]] consisting of IrMo, IrRe, PtRe, PtV, RhRe, RhV, FeReIn, PtReCu, PtReIn, PtReZn, RhMoCu, RuReZn, PtMo, RhMo, RuRe, $IrReZn_1$ ~~and~~ PtMoCu and combinations thereof.

Claim 23. (Currently amended): Method according to claim 22, wherein the catalyst is ~~chosen~~ selected from the group[[,]] consisting of IrReZn, PtReCu, PtReIn, FeReIn, PtMo, PtV, RhMo, PtMoCu, RhMoCu, PtRe, ~~and~~ RuRe and combinations thereof.

Claim 24. (Currently amended): Method according to claim 23, wherein the catalyst is ~~chosen~~ selected from the group[[,]] consisting of PtReCu, PtRe, PtMo IrReZn, PtMoCu, ~~and~~ PtReIn and combinations thereof.

Claim 25. (Currently amended): Bi- or trimetallic catalysts for the reduction of amides to amines, ~~chosen~~ wherein the catalysts are selected from the group[[,]] consisting of [[:]] CoCu, FeIn, FeRe, IrMo, IrRe, IrV, MoIn, PtMo, PtRe, PtrV, ReIn, RhCu, RhIn, RhV, CoMoZn, CoReCu, CoReIn, CoVIn, FeCrIn, FeReCu, FeReIn, FeReZn, IrMoCu, IrReCu, IrReZn, IrVZn , PtMoCu, PtMoIn, PtMoZn, PtReCu, PtReIn, PtReZn, PtVIn, PtVZn, RhMoCu, RhMoIn, RhMoZn, RhReCu, RhReIn, RhReZn, RhMoZn, RhVIn, RuReCu, RuReZn and combinations thereof.

Claim 26. (Currently amended): Bi- or trimetallic catalyst according to claim 25, wherein the catalyst ~~being chosen~~ is selected from the group[[,]] consisting of IrMo, IrRe, PtRe, PtV, RhV, FeReIn, PtReCu, PtReIn, PtReZn, RhMoCu, RuReZn, PtMo, IrReZn, ~~and~~ PtMoCu and combinations thereof.

Claim 27. (Currently amended): Catalyst according to claim 26, wherein the catalyst is selected ~~chosen~~ from the group[[,]] consisting of PtReCu, PtRe, PtMo IrReZn, PtMoCu, ~~and~~ PtReIn and combinations thereof.

Claim 28. (Currently amended): Method for the selection of at least one bi- or trimetallic catalyst, active in the reduction of amides into amines, from a collection of bi- and/or trimetallic catalysts, comprising the steps of:

A) preparing the catalysts on separate carriers,

B) loading the catalysts prepared in step A) in separate reactor vessels, the vessels having a parallel arrangement,

C) feeding and incubating the reactor vessels with an amide and hydrogen at identical conditions regarding at least one of the quantities, chosen from reaction time, temperature and pressure,

D) measuring the conversion of amides into amines in each reactor vessel, and

E) selecting one or more of the catalysts, based on the measured conversion in step D).

Claim 29. (Original): Method according to claim 28, wherein in step C) the reaction time, temperature and pressure in the reactor vessel are similar for each reactor vessel.

Claim 30. (Currently amended): Method according to ~~any of the claims 28-29~~ claim 28, wherein in step A) the catalysts are prepared on separate carriers in parallel.

Claim 31. (Currently amended): Method according to ~~any of the claims 28-30~~ claim 28, wherein in step C) the reaction vessels are fed in parallel.